What the ANL stands for:

THE ANTI NAZI LEAGUE exists to oppose racism and fascism. We recognise that they breed on the insecurity that comes from fear of unemployment and the sense of frustration and powerlessness that many people feel in their lives. The ANL argues not only for solidarity between groups that can be exposed to intolerance, but believes a strong organisation depends on ordinary people from all parts of society. Black and white unite and fight.

The ANL in Ireland was instigated by the Socialist Workers Party, but quickly expanded to include all kinds of people from a variety of political parties as well as trade unionists, journalists, musicians, travellers etc.

To join the ANL all you need to be is opposed to racism and in favour of a tolerant democratic society.

What you can do

■Show you're against racism and fascism.

Wear a badge or a sticker and get your friends and workmates to wear one too.

■Petitions

Take some petitions against racism and get people you know to sign them. Bring them around your estate, school or college. You could also set up a stall and get other people to help out.

■Graffiti

If there is racist graffiti in your area, organise a group of people to paint it out.

■Leafleting

Order leaflets and distribute them where ever you can. Take some posters and put them in local shops, community centres and workplaces.

■ANL Meetings

If you would like to hold an information meeting in your school, college or workplace the ANL will provide a speaker.

These are some of the many people who have sponsered the Anti Nazi League

Brendan Archbold (Union Official, MANDATE); Paddy Armstrong (Guilford Four); Asher Benson (Jewish Chronicle); Barbra Bergin (Actress); Dr Bhamjee; Christabel Bielenberg (Author); Bono (Singer); Prof. Farrell Corcoran (DCU); Joe Costello (Lab Senator) Ciaran Cuffe (Councillor, Green Party); Roddy Doyle (Writer); The Frames (Musicians); Frans el Frisson (Holocaust Survivor); Des Geraghty (Dem. Left); Garry Hynes (Ex-Director Abbey Theatre); Dr Tim Jackson (TCD); Morgan Jones (Comedian); Brendan Kennelly (Poet); Dr Declan Kiberd (UCD) Gavin Kostick (Playwright); Fergus and Rosaleen Linehan (Musical Theatre); Lir (Musicians); Patrick Mason (Artistic Director, Abbey Theatre); Matt Merrigan (Trade Unionist); Dermot Morgan (Comedian); Eammon McCann (Journalist and Author); Tomas Mac Giolla (Workers Party); Christy Moore (Singer); National Bus and Railworkers Union; Senator David Norris (TCD); Pat O Mahoney (RTE Presentor); Mick O'Reilly (Union Official, ATGWU); Fintan O'Toole (Journalist); The Passion Machine (Theatre Company); Dr. Helge Robinson (TCD); Gerry Ryan (Broadcaster) Sack (Musicians); Joe Savino (Actor), Jim Sherridan (Film Director); Shrine (Musicians) Amelia Stein (Photographer); Terry Samuelson (Holocaust Survivor); Gerry Stembridge (Writer, Producer, Director); Twink (Entertainer) Eamonn Walsh (Councillor Lab).

Join the Anti Nazi League

It costs £2 to join the ANL.
Please fill in this form and return it to PO Box 4007, Dublin 1 or Telephone (01) 8722682

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RAGE AGAINST RACISM

SUCCESS

Over a thousand people attended the Rage against Racism march and carnival. After a loud and lively march through Dublin which delivered the message that refugees are welcome here and that the voices against racism are loud and clear. Both the powerful speakers and the commitment of the bands created a great anti racist atmosphere.

Refugees are welcome here!

Racism on the rise

RACISM IS on the rise in Ireland. A small number of right wing politicians attacked refugees in the last general election. The media ran disgraceful headlines and stories about 'spongers' coming to Ireland. Together they managed to whip up a climate of racial intolerance.

The result has been an arson attack on a Muslim mosque and organised attempts to force refugee families out of some areas. In one case a Zairean man was stabbed in the head by thugs screaming racist abuse.

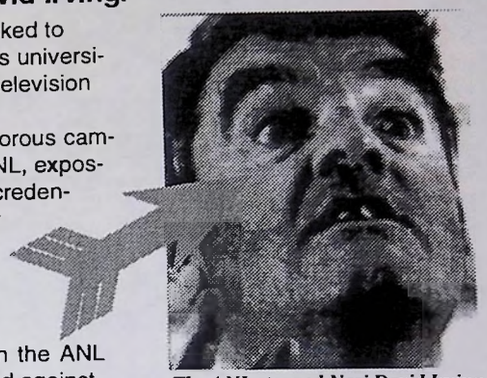
In some parts of Dublin city racist posters are being put up which accuse refugees of taking Irish jobs and Irish houses and warn them to get out of Ireland.

History of the Anti Nazi League

THE ANL was founded in Ireland in Autumn 1993 to oppose invitations given to Nazi apologist the 'historian' David Irving.

He was asked to speak at various universities, radio and television shows.

After a vigorous campaign by the ANL, exposing his lack of credentials and his far right agenda the invitations were withdrawn.



The ANL stopped Nazi David Irving speaking in Dublin

Since then the ANL has campaigned against fascism and racism in Ireland. We have organised to oppose bigoted and racist ideas whether they are aimed at travellers, Jews, black people, the disabled, the Gay and Lesbian movement. We support the right of people to live without fear of violence.

We have consistently exposed the racist roots and aims of the work of Richard Lynn in University College Colraine. We have organised a number of gigs and demonstrations in Dublin.

In 1995, we held an open air vigil to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Speakers included representatives of communities under attack from far right politics as well as Holocaust survivor Frans Frison.

We took signatures for a book of condolences to go from Irish people to the museum at Auschwitz. Last year the ANL organised a meeting in response to racist attacks on a Phibsboro chemist.

Over 150 people attended the meeting and organised public paint outs of racist graffiti in the area.

Myths about Refugees

What the newspapers say:

Ireland faces a nightmare threat of race riots because of a growing invasion of refugees from abroad. The tide of refugees poses a 'major' public health threat - the spread of diseases like Aids and TB. A rise in crime would also be on the cards.
—FRONT PAGE, NEWS OF THE WORLD, 1/6/97

Our view: Slam door on the scroungers.
—EDITORIAL, NEWS OF THE WORLD 1/6/97

5,000 refugees flooding to Ireland.
Floodgates open as new army of poor swamp the country.
—HEADLINES IN SUNDAY WORLD 25/5/97

£100 a night to provide some refugees with hotel beds.
—CATHAL O'SHEA IN THE SUNDAY WORLD 25/5/97

Demand for curb on tide of refugees.
—FRONT PAGE INDEPENDENT 29/5/97

Services face overload as refugee flood continues.
—SUNDAY BUSINESS POST 18/5/97

Refugee flood to spark homes crisis, report warns. Refugees flooding maternity hospitals.
—HEADLINE IN HERALD 16/6/97

REFUGEES AREN'T flooding into Ireland. The numbers have increased but it only represents a rise from 424 refugees in 1995 to 1179 in 1996.

Only a few thousand refugees are expected to arrive in Ireland this year. This represents less than 1% of all refugees who come to EU countries.

Refugees seeking asylum here, aren't allowed to work. They are forced to depend on social welfare. They are only entitled to the same benefits as Irish people who have no income and who are homeless, that is about £90 a week in total.

Ireland has had an unemployment problem for years. It didn't just appear with the arrival of a few more refugees.

Likewise the housing shortage has existed for years. In 1996 37,000 households were on the housing waiting lists. More than one third were on the lists for two years or more.

The shortages are not caused by refugees, who aren't allowed apply for local authority housing, but by the government's failure to invest in house building programmes. In 1996 the local authorities only built 2,676 houses despite the huge numbers on the waiting lists.

Its time to stand up against racism. People who fled torture and violence should not be scapegoated in Irish society. Immigration officials should not be singling out black faces coming to Ireland and expelling them immediately if their papers are not in order.

Irish people have migrated all over the world, sometimes because of political persecution, more often to seek a better life.

Instead of attacking refugees in this country we should welcome the development of a multi cultural Ireland.

The ANL is organising a number of events to help build an anti racist culture.

KEEP IRELAND NAZI FREE NEVER AGAIN!

ACROSS EUROPE the frightening forces of racism and neo-Nazism are organising. In recent elections in Norway, the right-wing racist Progress Party received 16% of the vote. It is now the country's second biggest parliamentary party.

In France the Nazi Jean Marie Le Pen and his party the National Front now get 15% of the vote and control four towns.

Whether it is France or Germany the new Nazis blame 'immigrants' and foreigners for problems such as unemployment and housing in much the same way that Hitler and the Nazi's blamed the Jews in the 1930's.

Jean-Marie Le Pen clearly blames immigrants for unemployment in France— "there are two million people unemployed in France and two million immigrants, the solution is simple."

The verbal attacks on immigrants in Europe has also led to a rise in racial attacks. Two years ago an Asian man was found dead in the river Seine in Paris, after a National Front demonstration.

In Germany, neo-Nazis have been involved in a series of attacks on hostels for refugees.

Ireland is one of the few countries in Europe with no organised fascist party. But it is possible that right wing groups can start to emerge. The same social crises and problems of unemployment and poverty that exist in Europe also exist here. Already refugees are been targeted as 'scroungers'. Racists and neo-Nazis can be stopped. Today there are thousands of anti racists in Ireland. Its up to us to say Never Again and to Keep Ireland Nazi free.